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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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## Youth First Teen Summit

The Parks and Recreation Department's Youth First Program invites all Guilford County middle and high school students to *Teen Summit 2010: Making the R.I.G.H.T. Choices*. The summit will be held Friday, October 29, from 8:30 am to 4 pm at the Greensboro Coliseum's Pavilion, 1921 W. Lee St. At the summit, teens will be empowered and encouraged to make safe and ethical decisions concerning issues they are faced with everyday. Learn more by calling 373-2934.

## Super Flea Market

The Greensboro Coliseum will host its monthly Super Flea Market October 2-3. Come out to buy or sell new and used merchandise, collectibles, antiques, crafts, or just to see old friends! Admission to the market is free. For information on selling items at the market, call 373-8515 or visit [superflea.com](http://superflea.com).

## Pottery Festival

Experience the richness of local pottery at the 14th annual Triad Area Fall Pottery Festival. The festival will be held Sunday, October 24, from 11 am to 5 pm at the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St. More than 80 local potters will exhibit their work. Get more information by calling 373-2961.



## October Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council will meet on Tuesday, October 5 and 19, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Council meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and at [greensboro-nc.gov](http://greensboro-nc.gov). Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck.

## Miller Begins Post as New Police Chief

The City of Greensboro's new Police Chief Ken Miller is now on board. Miller assumed his duties on September 1. As chief of the Greensboro Police Department, Miller is charged with safeguarding the lives and property of residents, while enforcing the law of the land and working with the community to prevent and reduce crime.

"I am confident that Chief Miller will continue to raise the bar of professionalism and accountability in the GPD," said City Manager Rashad Young. "In Chief Miller, the City of Greensboro is gaining a leader who recognizes the value of strong and enduring partnerships with the community."

Miller has served with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for 21 years and in law enforcement for more than 25 years. He has experience in police investigations, tactical operations and neighborhood policing, and has served 11 years in patrol in various ranks and commands. He also has extensive experience in policy and fiscal management.



## Construction of New Keeley Park is Underway

Construction of Parks and Recreation's newest park, Keely Park, is underway now.

Amenities of Phase I of the new park include a community garden, sprayground, picnic shelters, playgrounds, restrooms/concessions, trails and walkways, parking, and pond and dam improvements.

Construction of the new park, which is located at 4138 Keeley Rd., will be complete in two phases over the next two years as bond funds become available. Phase I will be complete in July 2011.

Phase II amenities will include a baseball/softball field complex, multi-purpose playing fields, a dog park, and additional picnic areas, playgrounds, restroom/concessions, and parking.

Learn more about City parks at [greensboro-nc.gov/leisure](http://greensboro-nc.gov/leisure).

## McGirt-Horton Branch Library Now Open

The new McGirt-Horton Library Branch is now open. The 10,000-square-foot building, located at the corner of Phillips and Woodbriar avenues, was designed to be a future Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified facility. Features include a special collections area that showcases the African-American collection and the Home Improvement Center; a children's area containing special interactive features that encourage discovery and literacy; a wing for teens, featuring a video lounge and multimedia lab; two covered exterior spaces totaling almost 3,000 square feet; and much more!

## City's New LDO Now in Effect

The City's Land Development Ordinance (LDO), the source for standards and regulations related to land-use and development, is now in effect. It represents the largest update and overhaul to the City's development regulations in nearly 20 years. The new ordinance, which was adopted by Greensboro City Council on June 15, provides flexibility and modern development standards, and supports quality infill and mixed-use development.

To give the public time to transition from the old Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which was formerly the source for land-use and development standards and regulations, to the new LDO, City Council will allow the use of the UDO until July 1, 2011.

View the LDO on the City's website at [greensboro-nc.gov/LDO](http://greensboro-nc.gov/LDO).

## HEAT Starts Two New Routes

Starting this fall, college students and the public can take two new express HEAT routes directly to the city's hottest shopping spots. Express HEAT 76 and 78 will connect local colleges directly to Four Seasons Town Centre and the Wendover Avenue shopping area. Get more details about these new routes and other services offered by the Greensboro Transit Authority at [ridegta.com](http://ridegta.com).

## Greensboro's 'cold cases'

*The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, called "cold cases." Each month on its Web page -- [greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases](http://greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases) -- previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.*



On September 14, 2008, Steven Sturdivant was shot while in the parking lot of Iguana's Bar and Billiards, 405 Rocky Knoll Rd. Several other patrons were injured. Anyone with information that may help solve this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 373-

1000. Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. Calls are not traced or taped.

## Back to School Safety Tips

School is back in session for Guilford County students and for some of them that means coming home alone after school.

Ensuring the safety of children who are home alone after school is a big concern for many parents. Here are a few rules from the Greensboro Police Department that you should teach your child if he or she will be left home alone:

- **Keep all doors shut.** Instead of telling kids not to let a stranger in, the real rule should be: "Keep the doors shut and locked at all times." If someone comes to the door, your child can communicate with this person through the door.
- **Have a check-in time.** Ask your child to call to let you know that he or she has arrived home safely. Set a consistent time for the child to call you each day. Give him/her about 10 minutes leeway to allow for a slow bus or any other event that might occur and disrupt the schedule.
- **Have a plan.** Remember that kids who are home alone are much more likely to encounter dangers such as fire from burning popcorn or falling down the stairs than being abducted by a stranger. It is very important that your family has a plan and that your child knows how to react to different situations. Run practice drills and make sure your child does not hesitate or deviate from the plan that you have enacted.

Get more safety tips at [greensboro-nc.gov/Prevention](http://greensboro-nc.gov/Prevention).



## Need to Dispose of Unused Medicine?

Do you need a safe way to dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications? Dispose of them at Greensboro Beautiful's SMARxT Disposal on Saturday, October 16.

By properly disposing your unused medicine, you can prevent accidental poisoning among children, protect the environment and keep the drugs out of the hands of recreational drug users and addicts.

Get a list of drop-off locations by calling 373-2199 or visiting [greensborobeautiful.org](http://greensborobeautiful.org).

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